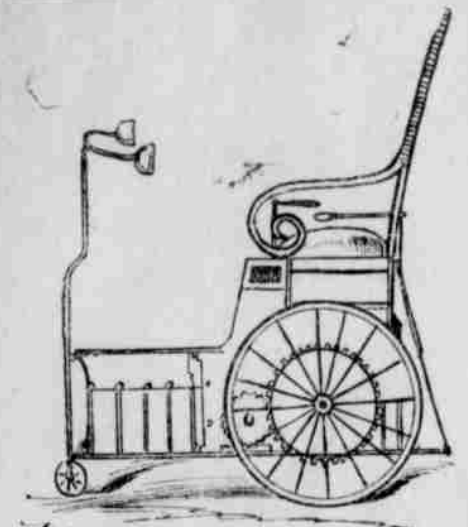


ELECTRIC CHAIR FOR INVALIDS.

The Invention of Capt. Johnson Which Can Run Eight Miles an Hour.

Capt. Alexander Johnson, of Washington, has invented an electric invalid chair, a model of which is now running in Baltimore. The chair is mounted upon a case which contains



CAPT. JOHNSON'S ELECTRIC CHAIR.

the motor and storage cells. The guiding apparatus is like that of an ordinary low-seated tricycle, and at one side of the seat is a lever connected with a resistance box for controlling the motor. At the other side of the chair is the brake handle, which is an ordinary lever friction brake. The motor is wound for a low E. M. F. and is of the slow speed design, connected to the driving shaft by a single reduction gearing. Capt. Johnson gives the following details of this chair: "Five and one-half ampere hours to each pound of weight. Speed, eight miles an hour for five hours, though at lower speed battery will last for fifty miles of travel. Total weight, 150 pounds."

They All Loved Flowers.

It stood in a shabby neighborhood, this house of which I write, but was distinguished from others in the same row by a small projecting window filled with growing plants. Standing on the street in front of it was a young woman with a baby on one arm and a market-basket on the other, gazing delightedly at the flowers, while the child, not accustomed to such beauty and brightness, was gazing with interest first at his mother and then at the window. Presently she passed on, and a group of boys—typical street gamins—approached. They were talking loudly, and had reached the point of heat, when one of them suddenly espied an addition to the window in a row of pots close against the glass, in which scarlet flowers were blooming. "Say, there are some more bloomers," he exclaimed, and five pairs of eyes were riveted on the window, and the discussion began as to whether the flowers were "the kind the rich dufers thought so much of." "Naw, it's them yeller fellers in the back," declared the largest boy, pointing to a chrysanthemum. Then they also went away. Reeling from a nearby saloon, came a half-intoxicated man. The bright colors caught his eye and he came to a swaying halt, catching at the area railing beneath the window. Some scene or phase of life was recalled to the half-bemuddled brain by the flowers in this unwanted quarter; there was a mental struggle that became pathetic as he turned unsteadily on his feet to go on his way, shaking his head mournfully. But the lesson taught by the cheerful blossoms—the glimpse of the better things of life—may not have been wholly lost; flowers have proved the open sesame to many hearts when all else has failed to find entrance. This window has its mission; and through its silent influence the world about it is made better and brighter.

Matrimony.

The following advertisement appeared recently in a Japanese newspaper, and suggests that the land of the Mikado may be a good place for a matrimonial agency; also that the ideal she of one man, at least, has distinct limitations: "Wanted, a wife. If she is pretty, she need not be clever. If she is rich, she need not be pretty. If she is clever, she need not be perfect in form (provided, always, that she is not conceited). Her station in life is no object; neither is the remoteness of her place of abode, whether in country or town. She ought to be in the neighborhood of twenty years of age, more or less. The would-be bridegroom is an artist of Osaka, occupying a medium position in society. Ladies desiring a union are requested to attend at the office of Osaka Mainichi Shinbun by the twenty-fifth instant, where full particulars will be given."

Driven from the Window.

Not long ago an English newspaper woman was insultingly hurried away from a jeweler's window in Paris, where she had stopped to take notes. French shopkeepers are, it seems, very tenacious of novelties in their wares, and do not advertise them as English and American merchants do. In this country the mode of procedure is a different that it is difficult to fancy the Parisian condition to exist. A single question of inquiry, the slightest interest even, procured once a volume of information and description.

Jews in Palestine.

There are now over 100,000 Jews in the Holy Land. The Jewish population there at present is larger than it has been at any other time since the end of the first century of the Christian era. The number of Jews who have returned to Palestine during the dozen years in which they have been free to enter has been greater than the number who returned after the Babylonian captivity twenty-four centuries ago. New York Sun.

NOVEL TRAVELING OUTFIT.

A Cripple Driving Across the Continent with a Goat Team.

The Butte correspondent of the Anaconda Standard gives the following interesting account of a novel traveling outfit now going through Montana: "Vivian Edwards, a cripple from Hastings, Neb., is making one of the most remarkable trips across the country that was ever undertaken. His long journey started at Hastings just 130 days ago, and during that time he has traveled 1,654 miles. He is a cripple, having lost the use of his legs, and travels in a miniature buggy drawn by a four-in-hand of milk-white Rocky Mountain goats, and carries a complete camping outfit with him. The entire outfit weighs 556 pounds, which the goats pull with ease, and have made thirty-two miles in one day, although the usual day's journey averages from twelve to sixteen miles, which distance the goats accomplish with ease. Some portions of his trip have been arduous in the extreme. Between Ham's Fork and Montpelier, in Wyoming, he took the wrong road and was lost in the desert, and for three days suffered intensely for want of water, as all the water himself and animals had was what was contained in a beer bottle. Another time in Southern Utah he was compelled to fight three bears, who were determined to dine off his four-in-hand, but after a hard fight, during which he killed two of the bears, he was enabled to pursue his way.

"Edwards is an intelligent fellow and a pleasant talker and takes a cheerful view of life, although almost helpless. He is accompanied by his wife and two little girls, one 4 and the other 7 years of age. His wife, who is a graduate of medicine, takes copious notes of their trip, which will be utilized in writing a book descriptive of the sights seen during their remarkable journey across the continent, their objective point being San Francisco. Edwards states upon his arrival here to-morrow he will pay a visit of respect to Sheriff Lloyd, and will drive his team up the Court House steps into the Sheriff's office and then down again to the street. Edwards, who is a very clever violinist, will probably give a concert before leaving the city on his long trip, which is surely a plucky undertaking for one so helpless."

THE WINTER HAT.

Autumn Leaves and Dull Red Velvet Make It a Thing of Beauty.

Autumn leaves of shaded velvet make a stylish trimming for a felt walking hat. An odd French hat is of pale green felt, with a broad brim, which curls up artistically at the side. The brim is edged with a narrow dull red silk cord. Around the



crown of the hat and spreading over the brim are autumn leaves of varied tints of brown, dull red, green and yellow. They are made of shaded velvet and are artistically arranged. At the back of the hat are two very straight wings of velvet, one of green and the other of dull red, fastened by a dull gold buckle.

Chinese Surgery.

Like most things in China, the practice of surgery differs considerably from that in vogue in less enlightened Western countries. Bone-setting in the Celestial Empire is a complicated affair, and doubtless more efficacious than European methods. In setting a fractured limb the surgeon does not attempt to bring the bones together, but merely wraps the limb in red clay, inserting some strips of bamboo into the clay. These strips are swathed in bandages, and in the outer bandage the head of a live chicken is placed. Here comes in the superior science of the Celestial. After the bandage has been secured the fowl is beheaded and its blood is allowed to penetrate the fracture, for it nourishes the fractured limb and is "cheap good medicine."

The Storage of Apples.

A room with a good draught of air through it, and with shelves all round the walls, made of laths of wood two or three inches apart, or perforated zinc nailed on a framework of wood, is best for the storage of apples. Do not let them touch each other, and if they have air all round them, they will be in good condition when other fruit is rotten. Of course they must have been carefully picked by hand from the tree, the bruised ones being used first. Some varieties will keep three or four months longer than others, and these should be carefully looked after. By looking over the apples once a week, and taking away any that show symptoms of decay, the winter stock of fruit will amply repay care and attention.

Remarkable Collections.

Residents of Elm Grove, W. Va., had a census taken last year and gave out as the actual results these figures: Males over 21 years of age, 148; males under 21 years, 148; females over 19 years, 148; females under 19 years, 148.

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